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TAIWAN/PRC: INDEPENDENCE RUMBLINGS AND WARNINGS

A generally peaceful 10-15,000-strong demonstration on September 7-8 demanded the release of political prisoners and a plebiscite on Taiwan's admission to the UN as an independent state, according to AJT Taipei. Authorities charged the organizer with violating government restrictions on the demonstration and indicted on sedition charges the chairman of the US chapter of the World United Formosans for Independence. Beijing, reacting to the demonstration and an opposition-drafted "Republic of Taiwan" constitution, has assailed Taiwan's leaders for "tolerating" independence activities.

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Comment: The independence activist who organized the demonstration said he had hoped the Kuomintang (KMT) would indict him so that the public and the international community would take a closer look at Taiwan's government.

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